

## *News from PATRONS (Parents and Teachers Recognizing our Neighborhood School) May 2014*

PATRONS was organized in 1971 and is the name of the parent-teacher organization of the Lamoine Consolidated School. Our mission statement is to bring enrichment and opportunities to the students of Lamoine. We are a volunteer group that meets several times a year and coordinates events for students, awards for honor roll students, teacher appreciation awards, and purchases items for the school and classrooms upon request. We hold fundraising events throughout the year to raise money to provide these services. We encourage parents, teachers, and community members to feel free to take part in the PATRONS organization.

**"It takes a village to raise a child."**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00-6:00pm **Literacy Night**- There will be a book fair in the library from 3:00-6:00 pm and literacy demonstrations/games in the gym from 5:00-6:00. Donations of baked goods and drinks are needed, as well as volunteers to help set up and clean up. Please email Elizabeth or Michele if you are able to help. The new PATRONS' representatives will also be on hand for a meet and greet, so make sure to find us and say hello!

May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15 Next **PATRONS meeting** - We would love to see you there! We are hoping to be able to provide childcare during the meetings and will post it in the Lamoine School newsletter when we get that arranged. In the future we will be alternating the times of the meetings (3:15 and 6:00) in the hopes of making it more convenient for people to attend.

June 4<sup>th</sup> **Walk-a-thon** - Be watching for your child's sponsor sheet. This will be a fundraiser done by students during school hours, walking for an hour at the end of the school day, with the proceeds going directly towards improving the students' storage areas in the hallway. Parents are welcome to walk with their children and/or to hand out water and popsicles.

**Last day of school BBQ** - Families are welcome to join in the fun as we say farewell to the school year. Chefs and servers needed. More info to come in the Lamoine School newsletter.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE:** New ideas are always welcome. If you have a talent or hobby you would like to share or an idea for an interesting event, please let us know. We'd love to have people volunteer to arrange for a cooking night or a volleyball game, something that you enjoy that you would like to share with students, parents, teachers, and community members.

We are looking to form several committees with a specific focus and a common goal of enhancing our students' educational and extracurricular experiences. Many volunteers are needed. If you have any experience or interest in any of the following committees, please contact us.

**Arts & Enrichment**-Contact Gema, [gemapc@roadrunner.com](mailto:gemapc@roadrunner.com) or Aija, [aajakante@gmail.com](mailto:aajakante@gmail.com)

**Sports Boosters**- Contact Elizabeth, [fourladies967@hotmail.com](mailto:fourladies967@hotmail.com)

**Playground committee**- Contact Nate Mason, [emkarate@midmaine.com](mailto:emkarate@midmaine.com)

### **OTHER WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO PATRONS:**

- Clip Box Tops 4 Education coupons from product packages and send them to the Lamoine School.
- Drop off used cell phones, used brand-name printer cartridges (for laser printers and ink jet printers) at the Lamoine School for us to recycle.
- Register and do your online shopping at [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com) or [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).
- Bring bottles and cans to the Lamoine Redemption Center on Asa's Lane during their regular business hours. Just let them know that it is for PATRONS and they will keep a running total and send checks to the school throughout the year.

We'd like to announce the new representatives of PATRONS:

**President-Elizabeth Stanley**

My name is Elizabeth Stanley and foremost, I am "Mom" to three wonderful girls: Kaitlyn, Emily, and Abbie. I am very passionate about sports, especially the Lamoine Lions, Boston Celtics, and Boston Bruins. Currently I am a store manager at the Winter Harbor Food Service where I have a strong focus on community outreach along with my regular duties. I did not have the privilege of growing up in Lamoine, but I have certainly come to love the town and the people I've met and am very proud to call it home. I'm looking forward to working with the parents and staff at LCS and believe that our school and community have endless opportunities to offer our children. Above all, I'm looking forward to continuing the tradition of Lions Pride. Go Lions! Contact info: [fourladies967@hotmail.com](mailto:fourladies967@hotmail.com) 664-1577 or 664-3482

**Vice President-Michele Mingo**

My name is Michele Mingo, mother of Matthew Mingo who is in 5th grade. I have lived in Lamoine most of my life...almost 40 years! I tell my son that I went to LCS way back in the "olden days". I attended Ellsworth High School and University of Maine at Machias. I worked at Child and Family Opportunity as a preschool/Head Start teacher for many years. When we had Matthew, my husband Derek and I decided that I would be a Stay at Home Mom until he went off to school, a job I love the most! Now that my baby isn't a baby any more, I work as a self-employed housekeeper. With the school becoming independent of the RSU, I feel that PATRONS will need to take on a stronger role to support our school and our kids. Next year will be a very exciting year! I look forward to serving as Vice President of PATRONS. Contact info: [dmmmingos@hotmail.com](mailto:dmmmingos@hotmail.com) 669-5476

**Treasurer-Lori Jordan**

My name is Lorise Jordan. I go by "Lori". I have a granddaughter in the 4th grade. I have lived in Lamoine since 1998. I own my own home-based business since 1998 called "Out On A Limb". My husband Tim and I run this business and a distribution company. We are currently expanding our line to include pickles and pickled products. I am a Co-Leader for Girl Scout Troop 796. I help with their fall product sale, run the cookie cupboard for all of Frenchman's Bay Girl Scouts, and serve as the Service Unit Manager for the leaders of Frenchman's Bay. In the past I have been the Vice President and President for PATRONS, and now I am looking forward to the role of Treasurer. Contact info: [LJordan59@roadrunner.com](mailto:LJordan59@roadrunner.com) home and work # 667-3842 cell 266-0999

**Secretary-Maggie Andros**

My name is Maggie Andros. I have a son Ivan in 5th grade at Lamoine School and a daughter Emma in 10th grade at MDI High School. I have lived in Lamoine for 16 years with my husband Rick. Currently I am employed as an office assistant at a vacation rental agency on MDI, and I work from home as a self-employed transcriptionist. I just completed courses for my accounting II certificate through UMA. I look forward to serving PATRONS as the secretary and helping enrich the lives of the children of Lamoine by working together with the teachers, parents, and community members. Contact info: [andros84@roadrunner.com](mailto:andros84@roadrunner.com) 610-1610

**Projects Coordinator-Cindy Smith**

My name is Cindy Smith. I have a son Alex in first grade and a daughter Laura in fifth grade. I have lived in Lamoine for 13 years with my husband Jim Yeadon. We both work at The Jackson Laboratory, and I am a research scientist working in the field of Bioinformatics. I have always been so impressed with how much the Lamoine community supports the local school, and I am excited to be able to contribute by working with PATRONS again this year. As we transition away from RSU24, this will be a time when our support will be needed. Contact info: [csjey@hotmail.com](mailto:csjey@hotmail.com) 664-6120